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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time in the above-identified application, which with payment of the requisite fee extends the response period to January 19, 2008. January 19, 2008 was a Saturday, and January 21, 2008 was a federal holiday in the District of Columbia, making the filing of this Response on January 22, 2008 within one month of the due date of December 19, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.